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Identical letters dated 19 June 2015 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Jordan rejects the hollow claims made in the identical letters dated 16 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations (S/2015/442). Such claims show that the Syrian regime is floundering and detached from the country's reality.

The Syrian regime has carried out barbaric acts against its own people, committed grave violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, and employed various forms of collective punishment on civilians in Syria. In so doing, it has contributed to the spread of terrorism in the country. The Syrian regime is now exploiting the scourge of terrorism as a justification for targeting civilians and for using internationally prohibited weapons, including chemical weapons and barrel bombs. It has avoided engaging in earnest with efforts to reach a political solution to the Syrian crisis that would save Syria from the destruction caused by its policies.

Jordan reaffirms that it has consistently combated terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, whatever its source, because terrorism is contrary to religious teachings and moral values. Jordan has taken a firm stand against terrorism and extremism, and all of its institutions will continue to confront terrorism comprehensively by stepping up their efforts and by coordinating and consulting with regional and international actors to consolidate security and stability in the region.

Jordan once again calls on the Syrian regime to cooperate with efforts to achieve a political solution to the crisis in Syria. The Syrian regime should also respect the relevant Security Council resolutions and cooperate with the United

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Nations and its competent agencies in order to address the tragic humanitarian conditions in Syria. That would be preferable to hurling accusations at Jordan, which, despite modest capacities, limited resources and the impact of numerous regional conflicts, has played host to close to one and a half million Syrian refugees since the crisis began. Jordan remains eager to find a political solution that preserves the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Syria and brings to an end the suffering that the Syrian people has been enduring for so many years.

We therefore call on the international community to deal firmly with the Syrian regime in order to ensure compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2199 (2015); the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 69/189; and international humanitarian law and human rights principles.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 68 (c) and 107, and of the Security Council.

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